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In re Application of:

MASAAKI NAKABAYASHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/401,660

Filed: September 23, 1999

For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT)
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE:)
OF THE SAME)

Examiner: A. Chang

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9 and 10, as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. For the Examiner's convenience, all of the pending claims are provided below.

1. A diffractive optical element having a diffraction grating portion which includes first and second diffraction gratings, the improvement residing in that:

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